

Introduced by Senator Correa

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An act to add Section 12801.3 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 251, as introduced, Correa. Vehicles: driver's license: selective service.

Existing law establishes the practices and procedures for the issuance of an original or a renewal of a driver's license.

The federal Military Selective Service Act (federal act) requires specified persons to register with the federal Selective Service System.

This bill would provide that, by submitting an application for an original or a renewal of a driver's license, a person who is required to register pursuant to the federal act is consenting to that person's registration with the federal Selective Service System. The bill would require the department to forward to the federal Selective Service System, in an electronic format, the necessary personal information for the registration of that person in compliance with the federal act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) California has one of the lowest Selective Service System
- 4 registration compliance rates in the nation.

1 (b) Males who are between 18 and 26 years of age who fail to
2 register with the Selective Service System, as required by federal
3 law, face possible federal penalties and loss of federal benefits,
4 including student financial assistance, federal employment, such
5 as employment with the United States Postal Service, job training
6 under the Workforce Investment Act (28 U.S.C. Sec. 2801 et seq.),
7 and citizenship for immigrants.

8 (c) The failure of young men to register with the Selective
9 Service System has resulted in the lifetime loss of over
10 \$100,000,000 in potential benefits over the last three years for
11 young men in California.

12 (d) At least 37 states, three territories, and the District of
13 Columbia have enacted legislation related to the issuance of a
14 driver's license in support of the Selective Service System
15 registration.

16 (e) To promote the fairness and equity of any future draft, to
17 ensure that important benefits associated with the registration
18 requirement are not lost, and to promote compliance with federal
19 law, the driver's license application process should be revised so
20 that every male applicant for an original driver's license or renewal
21 who is between 18 and 26 years of age consents to his registration
22 with the Selective Service System, as required by federal law.

23 SEC. 2. Section 12801.3 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

24 12801.3. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who is
25 required to be registered with the federal Selective Service System
26 pursuant to the federal Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C.
27 App. Sec. 451 et seq.) and who submits an application for an
28 original or a renewal of a driver's license is deemed to have
29 consented to registration with the federal Selective Service System.

30 (b) The submission of an application for an original or a renewal
31 of a driver's license by a person specified in subdivision (a) shall
32 establish a conclusive presumption that the person has done either
33 of the following:

34 (1) Registered with the federal Selective Service System in
35 compliance with the federal Military Selective Service Act.

36 (2) Authorized the department to forward to the federal Selective
37 Service System the necessary information for the Selective Service
38 System registration when that person is required to register under
39 the federal Military Selective Service Act.

1 (c) The department shall require an application for an original
2 or a renewal of a driver's license to include a notice indicating the
3 following:

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5 "By submitting this application, I am consenting to registration
6 with the Selective Service System, if required by federal law. If I
7 am under 18 years of age, I understand that I will be registered
8 upon reaching 18 years of age."
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10 (d) The department shall forward to the federal Selective Service
11 System, in an electronic format, the necessary personal information
12 required for the registration of a person specified in subdivision
13 (a).

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